

NATIONAL SCHOOLS (IRELAND).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 23 April 1861, *for*,

A RETURN "of the Number of CHILDREN who regularly attended the NATIONAL SCHOOLS in Ireland, between the 1st day of January 1860 and the 1st day of January 1861; classifying them according to their Religious Denomination."

NUMBER of Pupils on the Rolls for last quarter of 1860, and whose religious denominations have been ascertained - - - - - 548,138

Established Church	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,863
Roman Catholics	-	-	-	-	-	-	455,582
Presbyterians	-	-	-	-	-	-	59,086
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,607

N.B.—Owing to the difficulty of obtaining the required information for a period so long gone by, this Return is restricted to the last quarter of the year 1860. But it may be assumed that could we ascertain the religious denominations of the total number of pupils passing through the National Schools during the whole of the year 1860—i.e., 804,000—there would appear an addition to the respective numbers of each of the various religious denominations for the year in the same proportions that at present exist with respect to the pupils whose religious persuasions have been ascertained for the December quarter only.

The number of each religious denomination would then stand thus:—

Established Church	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,269
Roman Catholics	-	-	-	-	-	-	665,243
Presbyterians	-	-	-	-	-	-	80,686
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,822

TOTAL on Rolls from 1st January to 31st December 1860 - - - - - 804,000

Maurice Cross, } Secretaries.
James Kelly, }

Office of National Education, }
24 July 1861. }

NATIONAL SCHOOLS (IRELAND).

RETURN of the Member of Committee who
officially attended the National Schools in
Ireland, between 1 January 1900 and 1 January
1901, classifying them according to their Religious
Denominations.

(Mr. Richard Long)

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